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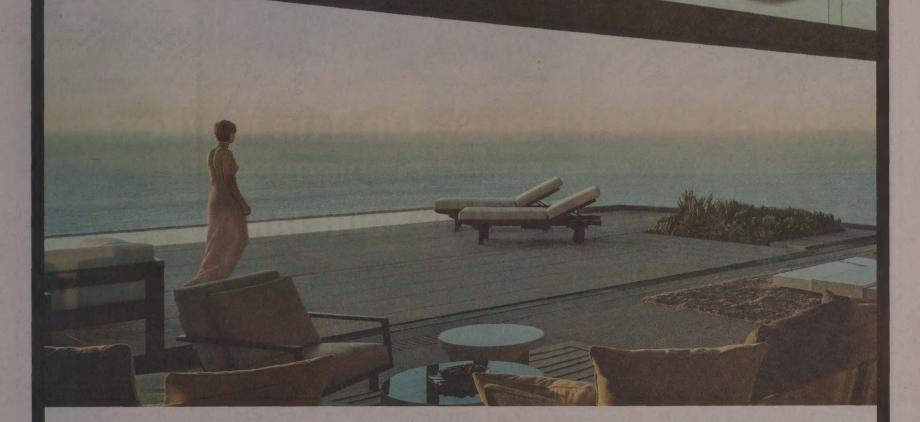
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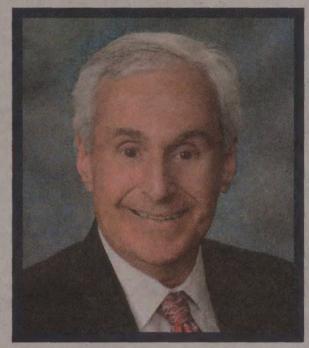
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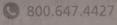
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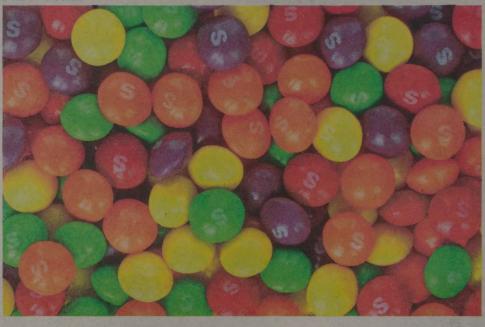


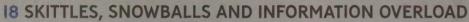
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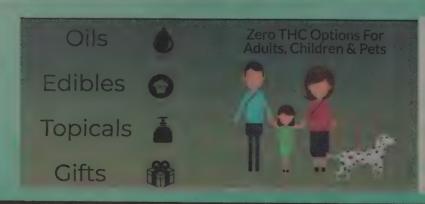
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Celebrated author and East Hampton resident Colson Whitehead has won his second Pulitzer Prize, making him only the fourth writer ever to win the Pulitzer for fiction twice. Whitehead has been honored for his book The Nickel Boys, which explores abuse of black boys at a juvenile reform school in Florida. The writer was writing a Harlem-set mystery novel when he first heard the story of the Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys in 2014 and decided to shelve the project in favor of penning The Nickel Boys. In it, he presents a fictionalized retelling of the grim stories that were spread about the reform school-stories where juveniles were subjected to physical, mental and sexual abuse throughout the school's 111-year history. The book follows the story of Elwood Curtis, an industrious, straight-laced black teenager who idolizes the words of Martin Luther King Jr., who is arrested and sent to the Nickel Academy for hitchhiking in what turns out to be a stolen car on his way to seek higher education at a nearby segregated college. Whitehead won his first Pulitzer Prize in 2017 for The Underground Railroad.



JERRY SEINFELD

East Hampton resident and comedy legend Jerry Seinfeld has the status and demeanor to to hang in a room with anybody, but it turns out Mets great and fellow Hamptonite Keith Hernandez actually managed to intimidate him. "The most intimidated I ever was, was when Keith Hernandez came onto my TV series," Seinfeld said on Jimmy Kimmel Live recently. "I had never met a baseball player," the die-hard Mets fan added, recalling filming his famous 1992 Seinfeld episode, "The Boyfriend," featuring the World Series-winning first-baseman. "I remember the morning Keith Hernandez was coming on my show, changing my shirt three times," Seinfeld continued, pointing out, "It was '92-they had just won [the World Series] in '86, so he was still a real idol of mine." Netflix debuted his latest hour-long set, Jerry Seinfeld: 23 Hours to Kill, on Tuesday, May 5. It's streaming now.

East Hampton's Ina Garten could never have expected such a strong response when she posted a recipe from her forthcoming book Modern Comfort Food to her website. Garten shared Emily's Roasted Potatoes, a recipe from pal and actress Emily Blunt, and promptly crashed the Barefoot Contessa site. "Emily Blunt shared her family's favorite roasted potatoes with me and you're going to LOVE them!! Recipe on BarefootContessa.com," she wrote. Unfortunately, the enticing photo of goldenbrown potatoes excited fans so much that the site went down. Luckily, the site went back up quickly. Modern Comfort Food will be released on October 27 by Penguin Random House and features 85 recipes.

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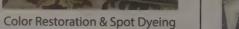




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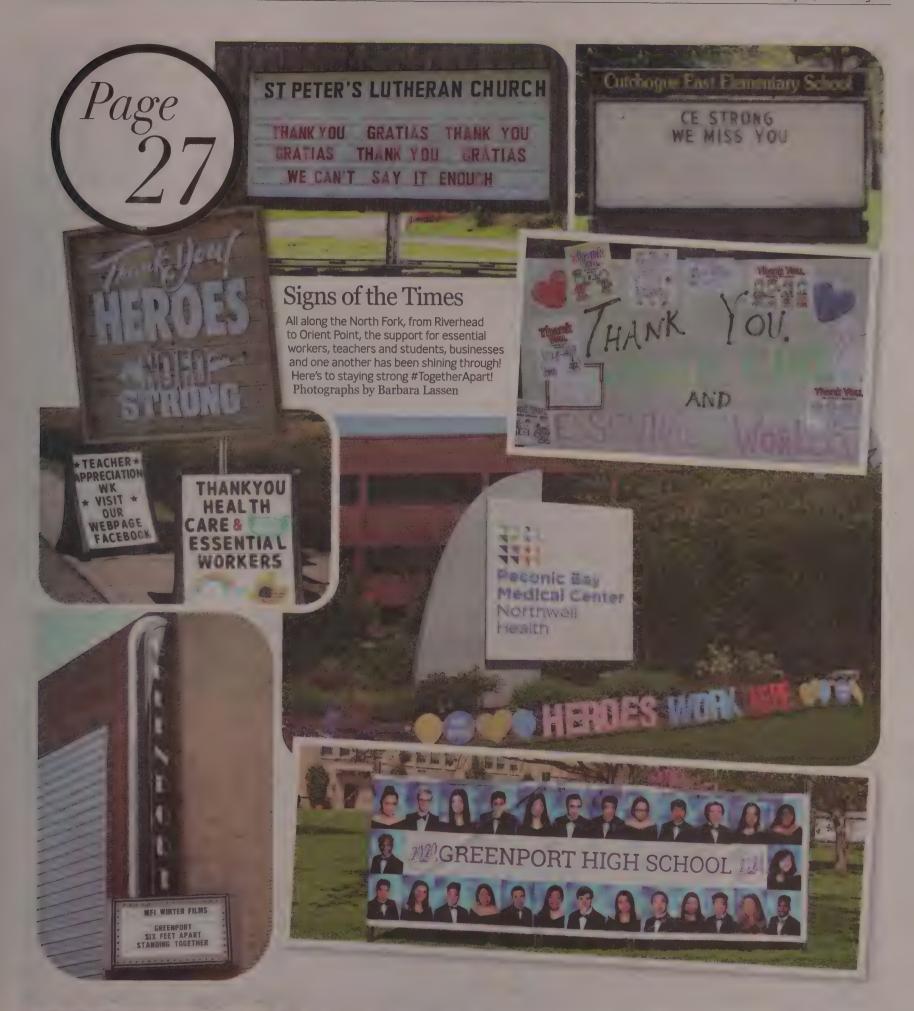




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BY DAN RATTINER

May 7–13, 2020 Riders last week 86 Rider miles last week 438

DOWN IN THE TUBE

The Hamptons Subway opened for business this past week, but practically nobody used it, as the numbers above show. And certainly there were no celebrities riding anything. That they might be seen down there—and our spotters were on the trains looking to report them for the "Down in the Tube" section you are now reading—could be a bad thing. They could be shunned or publicly shamed by their otherwise adoring public for taking the subway. You never know.

Nevertheless, Commissioner Bill Aspinall has ordered the subway trains to continue to run, but, for this week, with no passengers at all. Mr. Aspinall wants to see just how much it would cost—a rock bottom cost—to run the service without paying anybody any salaries, except for the motormen to steer the trains. So for the next week there will be no token booth operators, no flag-

men, no maintenance people, no Subway police, no administrative staff in the Hamptons Subway building on Ponquogue Avenue in Hampton Bays—the whole staff is to be furloughed until Mr. Aspinall completes his study and knows exactly how long he can keep the system going for the months ahead if he has to run the place with just this skeleton...no, that's the wrong word... the hard-working motormen (and women) on the payroll. At that point, Mr. Aspinall says he will apply to the federal government for his own forgivable 30-year business loan to build the subway back up to the flourishing operation that it was before all of you know what happened.

A SUCCESS STORY

On the other hand, consider the entrepreneurial achievements of our longtime Hamptons Subway barber, Giuseppi Figaro, who during the last month has been charging for haircuts not up close and personal at the shop he has on the third floor of our building, but from his home in East Quogue using a Bluetoothing TV remote to operate a drone and scissors contraption to cut

the hair of his clients in the safety of their own homes.

Luigi has, as many of his happy clients will tell you, become so successful with the Chopper Cutter, as he calls it, that he has gone into business making them for sale to others. The Chopper Cutter—I'm sure you've seen it advertised on television—has so far sold more than a million units to eager barbers around the country wishing to operate remote barber shops.

Luigi has used the same federal funding program that our Commissioner hopes to get for the subway business, but now, anticipating that social distancing might eventually end and dramatically reduce the need for Chopper Cutters, he has this past week sold the business to Elon Musk for \$54.3 million in cash and retired to Costa Rica.

We Zoomed Luigi down there, and he told us that Musk purchased the business so astronauts in outer space can cut hair remotely. As you know, Musk heads up, in addition to Tesla, the new SpaceX business, which hopes shortly to be firing a rocket to out there for an extended time with people on board, so this makes perfect sense.

This is all just to say that Hamptons Subway is now in need of a new barber.

Interested? Put your name, phone number and the word "barber" on a card, wipe it down with sanitizer and slip it under the front door of our building, and we will consider you for the job. When Governor Cuomo lifts the shutdown, we are a go.



& Police BLOTTER

DOORBELL POLICE ALARM RESIDENTS

The Hamptons Police Department will soon be keeping a sharp eye on homes across the South Fork thanks to a new partnership with BingBongBash video doorbells. Department reps say officers will be able to stand guard at local houses without actually having to be there, but some residents aren't feeling entirely comfortable with the idea.

A beta of the new system/partnership was uploaded to the homes of 200 Hamptonites over the winter, and many of the test cases said they felt uneasy when officers on duty would do things like welcome them home through the BingBongBash speakers.

"Each on-duty officer has his or her own style," one beta tester, Amagansett's Hilda Benifacio, said. "I remember a particularly cold February evening when I was trying to get in my door with a bunch of groceries. I'm balancing the bags and digging in my purse for my house key and, all of a sudden, I hear a 'Hey-yoooo!' screamed loudly from my doorbell," Benifacio continued.

"It scared the daylights out of me. I dropped all my bags and ran in the opposite direction," she said. "I didn't realize what had happened until I was already speeding west on Montauk Highway, trying to call the cops from my mobile phone. It goes without saying—I was not happy with this particular interaction."

Other beta testers said they didn't like the feeling of being watched, and they were even more put off by officers' attempts at conversation. "I once got stuck talking to my on-duty officer, Steve, about his marital problems for 57

minutes," a Southampton homeowner, who asked to remain anonymous, told reporters. "That's not really what I signed up for."

Current BingBongBash customers, who will receive the Hamptons PD update next week, point out that having an officer watching them live will hamper their creativity and ability to behave naturally while recording synchronized dance routines, neighborhood birthday parades and other TikTok videos that could earn them praise and followers on social media. "No one wants to join the dance party I've planned on my block, not even my kids," one mother admitted. "I



already had the costumes and music picked out, but this doorbell has ruined it."

Despite these and other complaints, HPD spokesman Rex Gallant says his Department and BingBongBash are moving ahead with the update as-is, but there may be room for changes in future updates. "We're also interviewing potential on-duty officers to make sure each accepted candidate has the requisite class, charisma and silky-smooth voice for the job," Gallant added. "I think our residents will change their tune when they've got the Barry White of the Boys in Blue speaking through their doorbell. Wouldn't you?"



Skittles, Snowballs and Information Overload

What have you learned that you didn't know you knew?





BY ERIC FEIL

E very day, or maybe that's every hour, new information is foisted upon us. It's not easy taking it all in, evaluating it, putting it into context and perspective. There is a nonstop flow of serious statistics, news updates, guidelines and regulations, and they are important to consider and absorb.

Yet, we are told, it is also important that we do not allow what the World Health Organization has called an "infodemic" to become all-consuming. Amid all that information, there is value in trying to take a little time each day to reflect on the less-serious, on small moments of the absurd, on bits of collected wisdom, such as it is, from friends and family and personal experience in this recent past.

•It can snow in the Hamptons in May—enough to make a snowball, even.

- •Despite scientific-sounding reports to the contrary, Skittles do not all taste the same.
- •You should wear pants on a Zoom call.
- •A "planking challenge" is not a sustainable daily activity.
- •The sewing skills I acquired in 9th grade Home Economics do not even qualify me to make a no-sew mask.
- •Cutting your own hair does not come without risks.
- •Surprisingly, people with kids seemed to have no idea how hard a teacher's job is.
- •Binge-watching The Office may in fact count as professional development.
- •"Organize the garage" is never ever going to move up to the top of any "To Do" list.
- •There is a person in the world named Joe Exotic, and for some reason, people care.
- •Your bed can be a desk, a film set and a kitchen prep station, all within a single hour.
- •The last SunChip in the bag is the most coveted SunChip in the bag.
- •If you don't hit mute while on a conference call, people just might hear you flush the toilet.
- ·Learning a new language in mere weeks is not absolutely necessary.
- •It is impossible to walk 10,000 steps a day when you're only moving between the den and the bathroom.
- •You cannot watch The Shawshank Redemption too many times.
- •Cake contains eggs, and can therefore be considered a nutritious breakfast.
- •Shaving every day is not a necessity, but neither is growing a mustache that makes you look like a NASCAR driver from 1973.
- •Texas Hold 'Em is an invaluable game to teach your teenage daughter, but not one to play for high stakes once she's mastered it.
- •Downward Dog is likely the first and last yoga position I will ever attempt.
- •I could be convinced that Blue Raspberry is actually a fruit.
- •Every action of an entire day can be described in song, in real time, to the show-stopping melody of "On My Own" from *Les Miserables*.
- •Rubik's Cube still isn't fun.
- •Training a cat to use the toilet is considered, by some, to be a "life skill."
- •Lists like this grow exponentially when passed around, and there is no end to the amount of inane knowledge we can share.

Where's the Noise?

Silence at East Hampton Airport Upsets Those Living Near It



BY DAN RATTINER

S ince the start of the coronavirus emergency, the number of aircraft coming into and out of East Hampton Airport has dramatically declined. This has created an unforeseen problem for residents living in homes near the airport. For years and years, they have protested about the noise emanating from these aircraft. Not only is nothing ever done about it, but every year there's more and more of it. Now, suddenly, all this is gone.

"My husband is quite upset," Mrs. Brenda Carmichael, who lives on Wainscott Beach Road, said about the situation. "He just sits in his chair and stares at the wall all day. His whole adult life he's been filing 50 or more noise complaints every day. There's an 800 number. He's gotten so used to hearing the noise and making the call that now he thinks his life is over."

She said her son Chuck, who is now 15, has lived his whole life under the noise and he too is now upset about it.

"Where did the noise go?" she said. "He asks this all the time. And he says the silence is giving him ringing in his ears. My husband gets it, too."

Many residents now run out onto their lawns to look up whenever a plane comes thundering through, low overhead. They cheer for it. This only happens a few times a day.

In fact, that's exactly what happened when we were talking to Mrs. Carmichael on Monday.

Suddenly the sound of an aircraft overhead shook the house. Chuck ran out, shouted encouragement and jumped up and down. Their dog, Wolfie, ran out with him and sat there, wagging his tail.

"It was a Sikorsky S-76 helicopter," Chuck said breathlessly when the it disappeared out of sight. He returned inside.

As a result of all this, the Wainscott Citizen's Committee this past Wednesday considered the matter at their weekly meeting at the Wainscott Community House.

Most people who spoke did so by shouting, since that's been how people communicated with one another until this past March. Scott Arnold, who headed up the meeting, kept banging his gavel and asking all the speakers to lower their





voices. However, shouting had become such a McCarthy, one of the newer residents. habit over the years, few were able to do so.

"What's the Airport Manager doing about it?" one citizen wanted to know.

"Nothing," Mr. Arnold said. "But he's as upset

A number of proposals were put forward. One was to buy 10,000 gasoline-powered leaf blowers, place them along the airport runways and have them started in unison every 12 minutes. But that got little support. There were three other proposals that never got off the ground, but then there was the proposal that the federal government be asked to use some of the Economic Disaster Assistance trillions to pay to keep planes and choppers coming.

"That would be good for Boeing," said Charles

He was hooted down.

"Boeing makes only commercial planes. The problem is with private jets and helicopters. Mitsubishis, Lears and Gulfstreams," said Bob

There was talk that if the planes had to keep coming, it might irritate the rich people to learn that they'd be required to use these aircraft even when they didn't want to, and people agreed that was a concern.

In the end, however, the proposal to go after the federal money was approved unanimously by voice vote, and the following morning the forms for \$180 million of the PPP and the EIPI money were filled out and sent off to Washington. Here is that request.

"The Wainscott Citizen's Council requests \$80 million be used to purchase two private aircraft, a Bell J-214 helicopter and a Lear 24 corporate jet plane, reportedly the country's noisiest, and have both based permanently at the East Hampton Airport. An additional \$100 million is requested to pay for the salaries of three shifts of pilots, co-pilots and navigators, together with the necessary aircraft fuel, flight attendants and landing fees to have these aircraft continuously take off, circle around and land again in what is known as 'touch and go' operations 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 12 months a year."

The immediate response from the government was favorable. The money should be made available by the end of the week.





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This Week's Cover Artist: Nicholas Cordone



A rtist Nicholas Cordone talks about his process, the questions he poses through his work and more.

What was the inspiration for this piece?

This particular painting is part of a series of paintings entitled "Do animals daydream?" The question is very simple—do our pets possibly share or reflect some of the same traits and characteristics as humans? Do chickens wish they lived in a better chicken coop? Do fish consider their future? Do pigs enjoy humor? Do animals daydream? I am asking the viewer to place themselves into each storyline. In many cases, humor prevails. The black lab in this painting, Jaeger, always seemed to be thoughtful and pensive. He belonged to my neighbor Jim Spiess. "What is that dog thinking about now?"

Talk about your art style.

My formative years, as an artist, were influenced by the surrealists Renee Magritte, Dalí and Di Cherico, and later by the work of Gregory Gillespie and the writings of Ernest Becker. Their visual interpretations of human nature were inspirational and also reflect my realistic style. I'm sure that many of my friends would consider my constant reading of *Mad Magazine* during my youth was also very influential in my thought process.

Tell us about your artistic process.

Each painting starts by my written thoughts on a particular subject/storyline followed by many thumbnail sketches for creating the composition. Once I like the composition, I create value studies to establish the lighting direction and then research and create color studies before I start working on the actual painting.

If you weren't an artist what would you be doing?

Whatever my alternate career would have been, I'm sure that I would be creating artwork whenever possible. I can recall, as a very young child, having a rickety easel in the corner of my basement, with a single bulb hanging from the ceiling. That was my first studio space. I can't imagine not thinking and producing in a creative





NICK CORDONE SEEKS TO TELL UNIQUE STORIES AND ASK INTERESTING QUESTIONS THROUGH HIS WORK

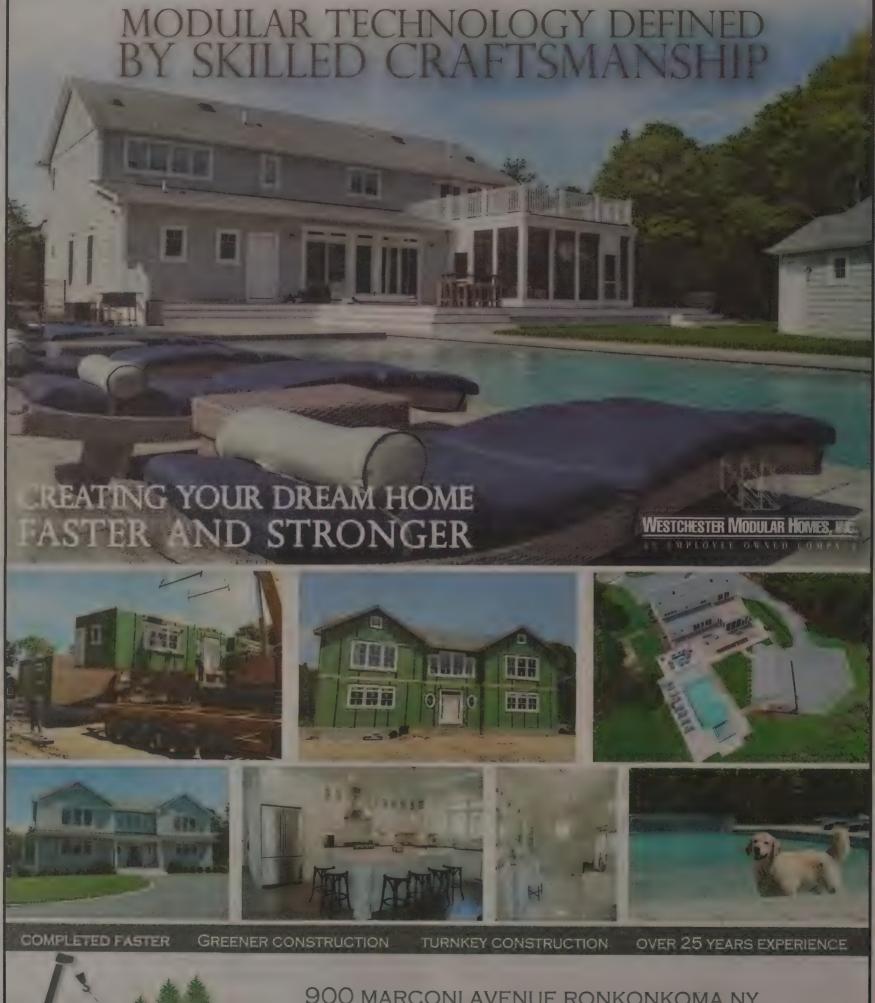
manner on a daily basis. It's better than paying a shrink.

What inspires you the most?

I think the act of "people watching" is an inspiration for many of my paintings. My other painting series of outer space images entitled "Imagery an Allegory"—the bigger the boys, the

bigger the toys—as well as my "Beach Gossip" series (color compositions) also reflect my thoughts on society and the nature of people within our society.

Visit nickcordone.com and Instagram @NickCordoneart.Cordone'sworkisattheWilliam Ris Gallery, williamris.com, and Custer Institute, custerobservatory.org.





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Arts & Entertainment



Rites of Spring Festival Goes Virtual with 'Music & Tell' Series

B efore plans changed due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the annual Rites of Spring Music Festival (ROSMF) would have begun its fifth season of bringing classical and contemporary music to multiple North Fork venues. This won't come to pass in quite the same way. Instead, however, ROSMF is launching a new "Music & Tell" virtual series of performances and talks featuring a list of excellent talents throughout the month of May.

Each 45-minute installment of Music & Tell will be available on Saturdays at 2 p.m. through the Zoom video conferencing platform. An announcement for the program explains, "Music & Tell is aimed to expand the mission of ROSMF and create a stronger sense of identity while investing in the passion and artistry of classical and contemporary artists.

ROSMF Executive Director and pianist Paolo PAOLO BARTOLANI AT THE PIANO Bartolani, who founded the festival in 2016, says he was inspired by the many musicians who participate in his annual event. "Music is essentially a human relationship-we can communicate our inner world through contact with the other person. To me, that is the essence of music: a reflection of the soul through sound. Living in particular times like these, music allows us to see the extraordinary in the ordinary. We cannot recall a more important time to share such sustenance," Bartolani continued, adding, "Shifting to online performances has made classical music more accessible than ever.'

Music & Tell kicked off May 9 and will continue every Saturday at 2 p.m. through its final broadcast on Saturday, May 30.

See the complete schedule and performance details



below, or visit ritesmusic.org to find all this and more information about ROSMF's mission and offerings, including lessons and other educational opportunities. More virtual programming will be announced soon.

> **Music & Tell Episode 2:** The Pleasures of Solitude Saturday, May 16 at 2 p.m.

"Syrinx" by Claude Debussy, "Semblance" by Nathan Hudson, and operatic paraphrases. The artist will perform and talk about three aspects of solitude in

Necessity: the 19th century practice of bringing back home opera melodies with transcriptions for solo instrument.

Choice: With Debussy, the flute instrument chosen for introspection and bucolic solitude.

Obligation: In the current period, social distancing provokes new ways of connecting the self to art, and art to social.

Led by flutist Ginevra Petrucci.

Music & Tell Episode 3: Discovering Mrs. Rossini Saturday, May 23 at 2 p.m.

The third session of Music & Tell will tell the story of Isabella Colbran, the wife and muse of composer Gioachino Rossini of The Barber of Seville fame. A Spanish-born, early 19th century diva, Colbran was the toast of the opera stages of Europe. This performance will tell the tale of love, passion and

intrigue at the San Carlo Opera in Naples, woven with excerpts of music from Rossini's Neapolitan period that Colbran premiered, as well as some of her own compositions. The concert is based on a production presented by Divaria Productions in 2015, in collaboration with Italian musicologist Professor Sergio Ragni, author of Isabella Colbran, Isabella Rossini, edited by Zecchini in Italy. Led by soprano Ashley Galvani Bell.

Music & Tell Episode 4: Benjamin Britten and Roman Mythology Saturday, May 23 at 2 p.m.

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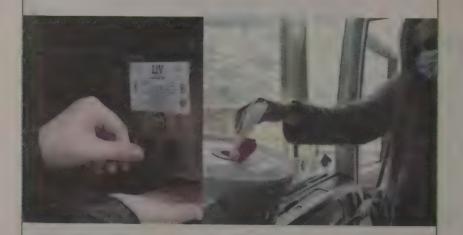
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LifeStyle



New Concerns for Lyme Disease Awareness Month

ay is Lyme Disease Awareness Month, making it a perfect time to consider the dangers of the illness in what will be a particularly difficult season, thanks to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and a particularly heavy tick population. Already hard at work trying to stem the tide at homes around the Twin Forks, East End Tick & Mosquito Control President Brian Kelly shares some thoughts about how Lyme disease could affect COVID-19 patients and the efforts of healthcare providers, as well as some tips for keeping yourself safe from tick-borne diseases this summer.

Even before discussing possible interactions with the COVID-19 virus itself, Kelly points out that social distancing, not going to work and sheltering in place could impact the spread of Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses. "People are spending more and more time in their own backyards, and probably this summer, more than ever, people are going to be using their backyards," he explains, also noting that pandemic-safe activities, such as walking trails and enjoying the outdoors at beaches and parks, increases exposure to ticks. "I don't know if you've driven by any of the local trails in the last few weeks...the Morton [Refuge] preserve, you can't get another car in the place or any of the trails."

Because of what he describes as an "extremely mild winter" that allowed ticks to be active whenever temperatures rose above 40°, which was often, Kelly is expecting a very high tick population this summer. "People need to realize that ticks are being found just about everywhere right now," he continues. "They call it Lyme Disease Awareness Month for a reasonbecause the ticks during the month of May are bad."

As for how COVID-19 might impact people with Lyme disease, or vice versa, Kelly doesn't profess to be a medical expert, but he says it's hard to get concrete information on the subject because the virus is so new. He worried, however, that the flu-like symptoms both Lyme and coronavirus share could present problems for local doctors attempting to diagnose one disease or the other. "And we don't want any co-infections. If you have Lyme disease and COVID-19, what's going to

'Everybody needs to be careful," Kelly adds, explaining why he's getting the word out for Lyme Disease Awareness Month. "The last thing the hospital needs are co-infections with Lyme disease. It couldn't be good, that's for sure." Further, he says a patient suffering from Lyme or both illnesses might not be treated correctly. "You really have to be more diligent this year than ever. Everybody is worried about COVID-19, which you should be, but you also can't let your guard down with the ticks. It is a big problem out here and we're finding a ton of ticks emerging from their winter hiding spots right now, and it's going to be a bad season.'

To help minimize the dangers of ticks, Kelly recommends homeowners get monthly spray applications, adding, "It greatly reduces the tick population on your property, but nothing is 100% when it comes to Mother Nature. There's no such thing as being 100% tick-free, but monthly applications make a tremendous difference."

Kelly says East End Tick offers alternatives, such as organic products or installing owl nests-because owls eat the mice, and mice carry lots of ticks. "There are



all sorts of ways to do this, but spraying alone doesn't solve your problem," he continues, noting that it's vital to keep one's property clean of dead leaves, weeds and tall grasses, which ticks love. "That's where the ticks lay their eggs, on the underside of dead leaves. They like those cool, damp, moist areas, so getting the leaf litter up and getting it into the woods and off your property as early as possible helps sets the stage for what's going to happen for the rest of the season.

Above all, Kelly says the most effective solution is using a personal tick repellant and checking for ticks. "If you use a tick repellant when you're out in the yard, on your sneakers, you're much less likely to get bitten by a tick. If you check for ticks on a daily basis, maybe once in the morning and once in the afternoon when you shower or are using the bathroom, or just give yourself a once over, you can find a tick before it has a chance to do any damage," he adds. "They usually need to be on you for 24-36 hours, so if you can find that tick and remove it properly, you'll be in good shape."





Most people are bitten by ticks picked up in their own yard. Ticks can spread serious diseases to people and pets. A single tick bite could put you at risk for six different diseases such as Lyme Disease, Babesiosis and Ehrlichiosis, among others. Warm winters have led to an explosion in ticks which are now a year-round threat. According to scientists at Stony Brook University, "Tick-borne infections have reached epidemic proportions on LI." You can prevent illness by checking your body carefully, promptly removing any ticks found and showering soon after spending time outdoors. Ticks cannot fly or jump. They must make direct contact with a host (that's you) and feed slowly until engorged with blood.

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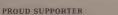
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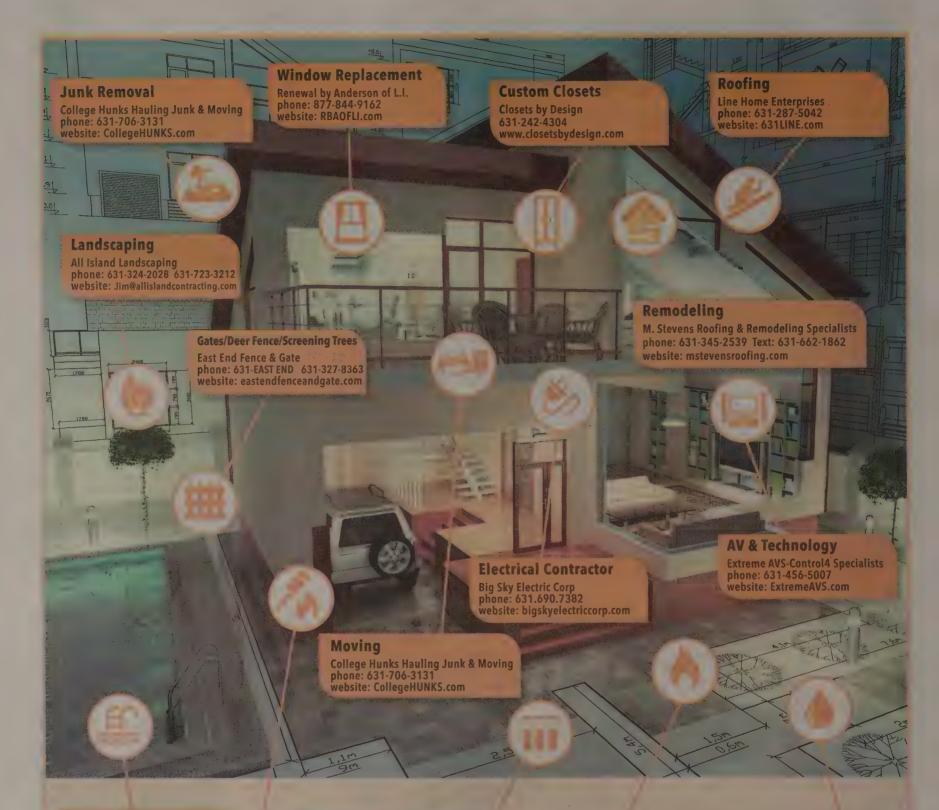
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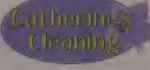
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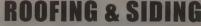
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"The current owners bought it about five years ago and completely renovated it," explains Thomas McCloskey of Douglas Elliman Real Estate. The property features meticulously renovated exteriors, including a new roof and siding. The interior, meanwhile, was "taken down to the studs," as McCloskey puts it. "It's brand new." Among the highlights are a television system that includes TVs in each bedroom, as well as the living room, with a control center on the lower level of the home. In addition to the master suite on the main floor, there's a loft with its own master suite, including a tremendous bathroom featuring a steam bath and walk-in closet. On the lower level, there are two full bathrooms. McCloskey notes that you can enter the house from the lower level after a day at the beach and freshen up in these spacious bathrooms before entering the house proper. Transom windows, stainless steal kitchen appliances, quartz countertops and more add to the luxury of it all.

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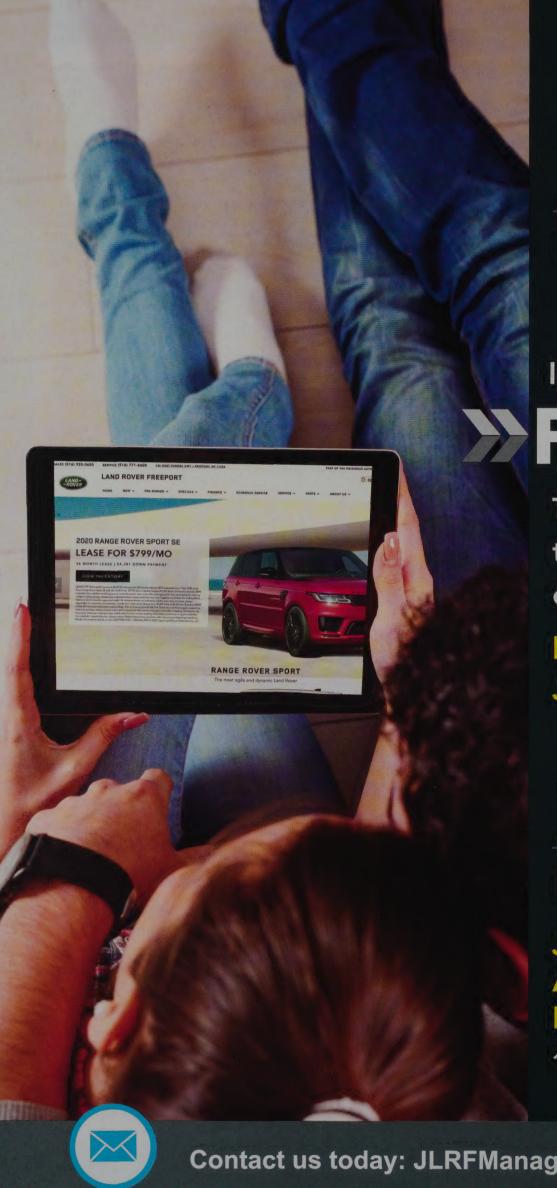
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